



## **PUBLIC MEETING**

March 23, 2017

### **MINUTES**

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, March 23, 2017, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

#### **Roll Call**

Vice Chairman Andy Hunthausen called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Jim McCormick was present. Commissioner Susan Good Geise was out on County business. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Nancy Everson, Charles Lane, Marni Bentley, Dan Karlin, Larry Hoffman, Drenda Niemann, Brian Coplin, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

#### **Consent Action Items**

- a. Vendor Claims Report for Week Ending March 24, 2017. (Marni Bentley)
- b. Resolution 2017-26 Declaring County Property Surplus Property. (Amy Reeves)
- c. Resolution 2017-27 Requesting Prosecutorial Assistance in State of Montana vs. Mario Alicea. (Leo Gallagher)
- d. Resolution 2017-28 Requesting Prosecutorial Assistance for State of Montana vs. Adam Freeman. (Leo Gallagher)

Nancy Everson reported on the consent action items 2 a-d and recommended approval.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner McCormick and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

**Request for Proposals Award for the Law Enforcement Center Upgrades Project.**  
**(Dan Karlin)**

Dan Karlin, County Engineer, presented the recommendation to enter into negotiations with Mead & Hunt for consultant services related to the implementation of the Law Enforcement Center (LEC) upgrades project. The first component is to upgrade the control board and monitoring equipment, allowing detention officers to control all door locks, televisions, cell lights from the central control room. The second component is replacement of the backup generator that services the LEC. Mr. Karlin addressed the critical safety issue that was brought up and stated with some of the equipment not functioning there is a danger to officers. Commissioner Hunthausen stated this project is completely different than the overall renovation of the entire facility that was brought before the voters. Mr. Karlin stated there are provisions to allow for additional expansion if the remodel project is approved. No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner McCormick and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

**Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and JHS, Inc. (Larry Hoffman)**

Larry Hoffman, Weed District Coordinator and Mosquito District Advisor, presented the contract with JHS, Inc. for the Craig-Wolf Creek Mosquito District in an amount not to exceed \$14,420 for mosquito control services, such as surveying, monitoring, evaluation, and managing mosquitoes through the air and ground. Will also increase the West Nile Virus and Zika testing. The contract period is May 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. This district is about 9,810 acres and runs along the Missouri River from Eagle Rock on the north boundary to the south at the Oxbow Ranch. About 32 sites are surveyed and evaluated annually in this district. Large populations of mosquitoes are expected this year. Mr. Hoffman explained why there are mosquito districts. The residents form the district. The main objective is to manage the mosquitos in these particular areas.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner McCormick and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

**Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and JHS, Inc. (Larry Hoffman)**

Larry Hoffman, Weed District Coordinator, presented the contract with JHS, Inc. for the Helena Valley Mosquito Control District in an amount not to exceed \$198,300 for mosquito control services, such as surveying, monitoring, evaluation, and managing mosquitoes through the air and ground. Will also perform the West Nile Virus and Zika testing. This District consists of 44,837 acres to include on the north 1 mile north of Lincoln Road, the south boundary is East Helena smelter area, also Custer Avenue and north of there, east boundary is Helena Valley Road, and the west boundary is Green Meadow, areas east of Alton Road turnoff, and the Broadwater area. About 283 sites are surveyed and evaluated annually. The contract period is April 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. Large populations of mosquitoes are expected this year.

Commissioner McCormick asked about statistics on incidents of West Nile in Lewis and Clark County. Mr. Hoffman stated in the last five years positives have come forth, but that does not mean it's in the area, as animal transportation, or birds can bring it in. The CO2 program helps to give early indications of West Nile that might be in the area.

Mr. Hoffman confirmed with Commissioner Hunthausen, if there is indication of West Nile Virus then there is coordination with Public Health.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner McCormick and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 0-0 vote.

**Contract Between Lewis and Clark County Public Health and Browning Public School District. (Drenda Niemann)**

Drenda Niemann, Community Health Promotion Division Administrator, presented the contract with Browning Public School District in the amount of \$4,500 to assist with the adoption and implementation of the online referral system. The contract period is upon approval through July 1, 2017. Ms. Niemann explained that the confidentiality compliant online referral system consists of agencies that can further help a student and family with the necessary needs. Additionally it helps coordination in services with better communication between the agencies and does not leave the burden to access this help with the family. Lewis and Clark County has been a leader in the state and is assisting other communities to establish this system in their areas. There are close to 50 agencies using the system to make and receive referrals. The agreements are only to get the process running and the community will proceed from there.

Ms. Niemann added that most assistance is via telephone and over the internet, if travel is requested the entity pays the travel. The contract is solely for the assistance. PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Coplin, 1805 Joslyn Street, # 129, asked Ms. Niemann if the name of the program was changed from Helena Consented Referral System to Connections. Ms. Niemann stated to simplify things; the system name was changed to Connect.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner McCormick and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

**Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.**

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:32 am.


LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
Susan Good Geise, Chairman

  
Andy Hunthausen, Vice Chair

  
Jim McCormick, Member

ATTEST:

  
Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board